



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

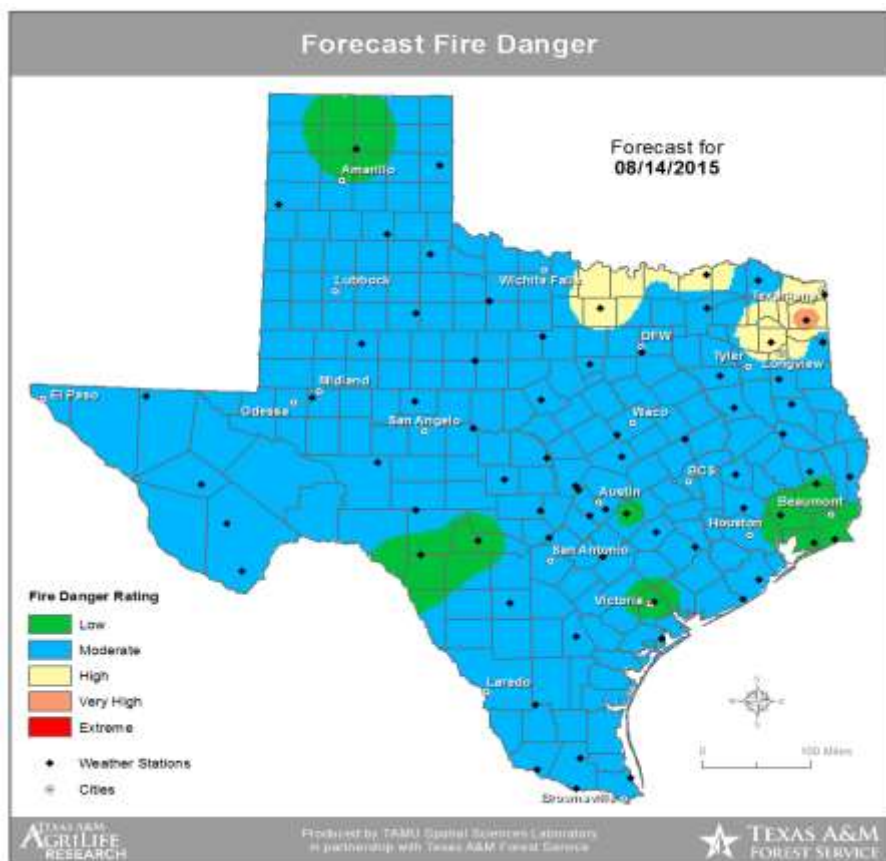
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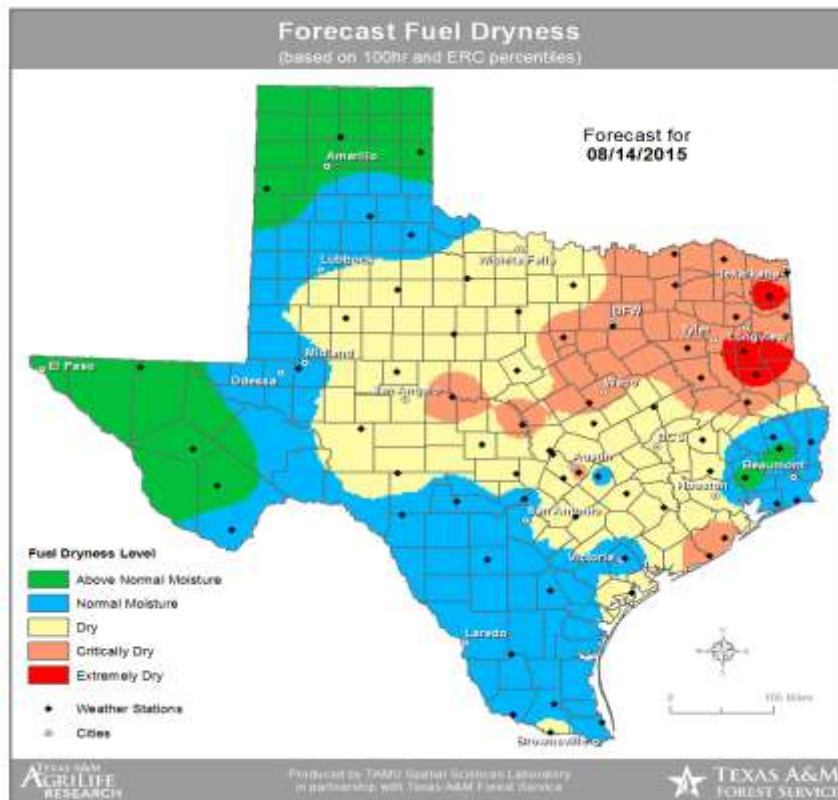
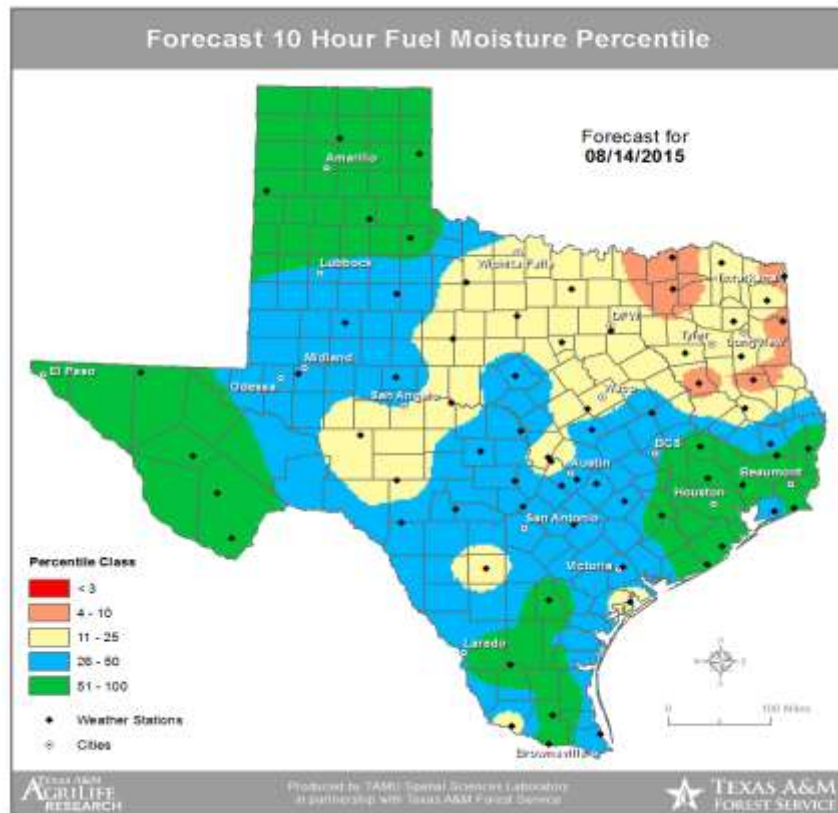
<b>Event Name</b>	August 2015 Wild Fire Event SITREP
<b>Date</b>	08/14/2015
<b>Time</b>	0700
<b>Operational Period</b>	0700 081315 thru 0700 081415
<b>Report Number</b>	3

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 3 and 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	None

### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Rainfall is expected to continue over the Southeast Texas coast while mostly dry conditions will persist in other parts of the state. A weak cold front that stalled over portions of Central Texas yesterday is now situated along the Southeast Texas coast. Activity from this boundary developed and merged with the sea breeze front, which brought some heavy rainfall to portions of Southeast Texas. Rainfall amounts of 2 to 3 inches were reported across the Beaumont area overnight. Additional rainfall amounts of less than 1 inch were reported across the remainder of Southeast Texas and portions of South Central Texas. The upper-level ridge of high pressure will continue to dominate Texas weather and is still expected to remain close to our area for several more days. As dry weather conditions continue across Texas, wildfires and grass fires will persist across the state. Many jurisdictions are under burn ban orders, restricting outdoor burning, that could possibly ignite materials that will result in a wild and/or grass fire.





## **Operational Priorities:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

### **Region 1** (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6 and 22)

**DDC 4 Garland:** (Includes Collin, Hunt, Dallas, Rockwall, Kaufman, Ellis and Navarro Counties):

#### **Kaufman County:**

Two fires occurred, a 2 acre and 5 acre grass fire. The fires are 100% contained. Ables Springs Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), Terrell VFD, College Mound VFD, Elmo VFD, Wills Point VFD, Kaufman County Fire Marshals Office, Kaufman County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Van Zandt County Fire Marshals Office and Van Zandt County OEM responded.

**DDC 6 Tyler:** (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

#### **Van Zandt County:**

A wildfire off Farm-to-Market (FM) road 773 occurred in Grand Saline. The fire burned 16 acres and is 100% contained. Grand Saline Fire Department (FD), Alba FD, Ben Wheeler FD, Fruitvale FD, Mineola FD, South Van Zandt FD, Van FD, Champion Emergency Medical Service (EMS), American Red Cross (ARC) and Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) responded.

A second wildfire occurred near County Road (CR) 3813 and CR 3804 near Wills Point. The fire burned 20 acres, destroyed 2 structures and is 100 percent contained. Ables Springs VFD, College Mound VFD, Edgewood VFD, Elmo VFD, Kaufman County Fire Marshal's Office, Tawakoni South VFD, Terrell VFD, Van Zandt County Fire Marshal's Office and Van Zandt Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) responded. The Van Zandt County Commissioner Precinct 3 supplied a maintainer and operator and the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office (SO) supplied a dozer and operator.

### **Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

**DDC 24 Del Rio:** (Includes Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit and La Salle Counties)

#### **Edwards County:**

**Brown Ranch Complex Fire:** The fire has burned approximately 16,521 acres and is 60% contained. Two homes were lost and twenty homes were saved. Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is assisting local fire departments. The Incident Command Post (ICP) is located at the Edwards County Show Barn, 905 United States (US) Highway 377. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC) Command Trailer has been set up. Texas Department of

Transportation (TxDOT) is providing fuel to TFS and Edwards County vehicles. American Red Cross (ARC) Kerrville is providing canteen services for responders on scene. Two State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs) requesting two TIFMAS Type 6 Strike Teams with Leaders and, one TIFMAS helicopter (STARFlight) have been approved and resources are being deployed to support fire suppression activities. The county issued a Local Disaster Declaration. A shelter has been opened at the First Baptist Church, 500 Uvalde Road in Rocksprings.



**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18 and 23)

**DDC 12 Austin:** (Includes Llano, Burnet, Blanco, Williamson, Travis, Hays, Bastrop, Lee, Fayette and Caldwell Counties)

**Caldwell County:**

**Ivy Switch Complex Fire:** The fire was previously called the Harwood Road Fire and was located near Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 1322 and Ivy Switch Road. The fire burned 30 acres and is 100% contained. Ten homes were threatened.

### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS Highway Patrol is assisting Edwards County with traffic control.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS has a total of 58 dozers, 10 engines and 3 motor graders available statewide.

Fire Name	County	TFS Assets	Other Agency Assets
Brown Ranch Complex	Edwards	7 dozers, 5 engines, 71 personnel	1 Type 3 IMT (Alamo IMT); 1 TPWD engine; 2 TIFMAS Strike Teams (5 engines in Austin area & 5 engines in San Antonio)



			area); 1 Travis County STARflight Type 3 Helo (out of service)
Fire Name	County	TFS Assets	Other Agency Assets
Sutton Ranch	Sutton	1 dozer, 1 engine, 9 personnel	NA

**Aviation Assets:** 2 SEATs; 1 Type 3 Helicopter; 1 Air Attack

**Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):** Two Type 6 Strike Teams with Leaders, and one helicopter are supporting wildfire operations on the Brown Ranch Complex Fire in Edwards County.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT is providing fuel for TFS and Edwards County vehicles and monitoring roadways in fire impacted areas.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** ARC is engaged in feeding and canteen operations in support of first responders in Edwards County. They are working with the incident command, local fire department auxiliary, and the Southern Baptist Convention to develop a feeding plan moving forward. There were no overnight shelter stays.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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